

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, claim 11 has been amended to correct for a typographical error.

Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections, and the finality of the previous Office Action (Paper No. 20), for at least the reasons presented in Amendment E, filed September 17, 2003, which is incorporated by reference herein.

New claim 20 has been added to recite another combination of features of the present invention. Consideration on the merits and allowance of claim 20 are respectfully requested.

As indicated in the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") filed concurrently herewith, Applicants further request a suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of three (3) months. Applicants submit that in light of the amendments noted above, this Amendment qualifies as a proper submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 1-14 and 16-20, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

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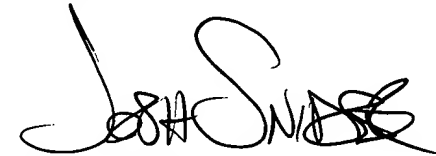
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